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SUBJ: ITALIAN PRIOR DEPOSIT PROGRAM

REF: (A) GENEVA 3865, (B) STATE 119561

1. AS PROMISED REFTEL (A), WE HAVE NOW DISCUSSED GATT HANDLING OF ITALIAN PRIOR DEPOSIT SYSTEM WITH DEPUTY D.G. PATTERSON. PATTERSON AGREED WITH U.S. VIEW THAT GATT EXAMINATION IN BOP COMMITTEE (OR IN A WP) WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, BUT HE CNFIRMED THAT SOME CP-AND NOT THE SECRETARIAT-WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE STEP TO CALL FOR ONE. HE ALSO AGREED WITH OUR THOUGHT (PARA 4, REFTEL (A)) THAT "SEVERAL DELEGATIONS"COULD BE LISTED AS REQUESTING GATT COUNCIL ITEM. HOWEVER, IF ASKED, SECRETARIAT WOULD BE BOUND TO IDENTIFY THE DELS PLACING THE REQUEST.

2. FYI CANADIANS FAVOR GATT BOP OR WP EXAMINATION BUT, LIKE U.S. ARE NOT WILLING TAKE LEAD TO PLACE ITEM ON
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COUNCIL AGENDA. IF ITEM DOES FIND ITS WAY INTO

COUNCIL, CANADIANS ARE PREPARED TO NOTE APPROPRIATENESS
OF BOP COMMITTEE EXAMINATION BUT SAY A SPECIAL WP WOULD
BE EQUITABLE IN VIEW OF PRECEDENTS.

3. IF U.S. INTERESTED IN PLACING ITALINA DEPOSIT ITEM
ON JUNE 14 GATT COUNCIL AGENDA, DEADLINE FOR DOING SO
WOULD BE WITHIN CUSTOMARY TEN DAYS' PRIOR NOTICE, I.E.
BY JUNE 4. IF, PER PARA 4 OF REFTTEL (A), U.S. SHOULD
WISH TO ENLIST COMPANY OF OTHER DELS, WE SHOULD APPROACH
THEM NOW; IN ORDER THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO
CONSULT THEIR CAPITALS BEFORE JUNE 4. PLEASE ADVISE.ABRAMS

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